

YANKELE GRACES A WEDDING

HE MAKES THE WEISBERG-ROSEN UNION A SUCCESS.

There wasn't any invitation for him at first, but he managed to get one. The guests got the idea that he was the most important person present.

The Weisberg-Rosen wedding was an event of some social importance in the section of the East Side where the contracting parties had their homes and an invitation to the same was a sort of social triumph in its own way. Therefore, while Yankele Schlein was not much given to the pursuit of the fashionable, he desired rather to achieve an invitation. It was not so much that he cared for the gay world as that he had not been invited. It was more the case of not getting something that others got. Yankele determined that he would be present at the wedding.

He encountered Abe Weisberg, the prospective bridegroom, in the street several days before the wedding. Abe was looking happy, with the subdued cheerfulness appropriate to the occasion. "Hello!" he said to Yankele. "How are you?"

"Well enough," said Yankele. "Masselev on your wedding."

"Thank you," replied Abe. "It will be a fine thing. We have invited lots of people and the presents are fine."

"I suppose so," said Yankele. "Some persons invite those who they think will send them the best presents."

"That is not the case with us," said Abe. "We invited without thought of the presents."

Of course, if our friends are so kind, what can we do? I'll pack the presents."

"Naturally not," Yankele rejoined, quite as if he had been one of the invited and had sent the best gift of all. "I suppose you have your clothes all ready," he added.

"Yes, I have a fine Prince Albert," said Abe. "Made special for the occasion."

"A Prince Albert?" questioned Yankele, as if shocked. "For an evening wedding?"

"Yes, why not?" demanded Abe. "Didn't Meyer Schoenberg have one when he was married at night?"

"Oh, that is very bad," replied Yankele. "No one who is any one would wear such clothes. I am surprised that you don't know better. No one should wear such clothes at night. That is very, very bad."

"What should I wear?" asked Abe, rather worried. "I will wear the same as the people a chance to say things about me."

"There is only one thing that you should wear, and that is a Tuxedo coat," replied Yankele. "That is the rule and every one would laugh at you for a greener if you wore a Prince Albert. The people would have sympathy for the bride if you did such a thing."

"Is that so?" asked Abe. "Well, it's too late now. I couldn't get a Tuxedo coat in time now that it would look like anything. I wouldn't want to hire it, because every one would know. I asked Tilly about it and she seemed to think that the Prince Albert was beautiful."

"That shows she doesn't know. She thinks it is beautiful because you wear it. However, if you want to save your face and hers it is easy for you to do so," said Yankele. "In the store we have a fine Tuxedo. It would just fit you," he said, closing one eye for the purposes of accurate judgment. "Yes, it would just fit you. It will bring it around so that you may try it on."

"That is all right," said Abe, "but how much would I have to pay for it? I couldn't afford to pay much, you see, because I have spent a lot of money already."

"It will be all right," said Yankele. "I am doing it merely out of friendship for you. It wouldn't do for you and Tilly to be disgraced that way. For an old friend it wouldn't do."

"That is very fine," said Abe, "but won't your boss be expecting something for that coat?"

"Oh, no," said Yankele. "He won't be at the wedding and he won't know about it. I promise you I won't tell him."

"Well, everything will be all right then," said Abe. "I'll go to have things fixed up. There will be people at the wedding. I wouldn't want to have to be able to laugh at me. You know how they are. They would make fun of me. I know that if you were to be there you yourself might say something."

"I won't say anything to those who are around," replied Yankele.

"I guess not," said Abe. "I didn't know you were invited."

"I haven't been yet," said Yankele, "but I have that you were invited. I couldn't come to the wedding. Anyhow, now, I will have to come to look out for the coat. I couldn't take any chances that way. Seeing that I let you have it for nothing, of course, you won't mind that I come to look out for the welfare of the coat. That is just a business proposition."

"I don't know what Tilly and her mother will say," said Abe. "They have done all the inviting."

"Well, it has to be all right," replied Yankele. "Otherwise you can't have the coat and I shall tell every one that I know about the clothes that you are going to wear and they will be prepared to laugh. You know how people are about those things."

It was not until four evenings later that the wedding took place. Yankele was there to see Abe Weisberg, arrayed in the Tuxedo, prepared to march under the chuppah with the bride, Tilly Rosen, and was much admired. Yankele enjoyed the ceremony to the utmost, although not in the bridal party. However, he hovered around and spoke to several of the persons nearest the canopy.

"It looks fine, doesn't it?" he asked of Aaron Isaacs.

"That looks fine?" asked Aaron.

"That coat of mine. I let Abe have it. It fits him perfectly. Poor fellow, he came to me and asked me an old friend what he should wear at his wedding and I gave him that coat. But for me he wouldn't have looked so fine," said Yankele.

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about the couple, and every mouthful that Abe ate was watched carefully. "Be sure you don't eat that coat," said Yankele not once but fifty times. He finally took a seat where he could watch the couple carefully, and took his attention away only for a few seconds at a time. It was too much for Abe, who, a little flushed with wine, got angry.

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